(c) and (d) Their main suggestion is that surplus teachers should be adjusted first before taking up the general transfers and that their choice for transiers should also be invited. This is being followed to the extent possible.

They have also suggested that intra-regional transfer should precede Inter-regional transfer to facilitate their adjustments. This is not consistent with the guidelines approved by the Board of Governors.

Repatriated Principals/Vice Principals of Central Schools from Navodaya Vidyalayas

1298. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a host of principals|vice principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas who have been repatriated from Navodaya Vidyalayas and have not been given postings;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when they will be given postings; and

(c) where from they are being paid their salaries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Thirteen Principals|Vice-Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas have, on repatriation from Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Central Tibeten Schools Administration, been posted as Officers-on-Special Duty at Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters for the time being. Their salaries are accordingly being paid from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters.

Demand for Reduction in Timings in Central Schools

1299. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for the reduction in timings in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association asked for reduction in school timings from 6 hours 10 minutes to 5 hours 30 minutes and introduction of five day week.

As per existing norms Kendriya Vidyalayas run for 5 hours 10 minutes in primary classes while classes VI and above work for 6 hours 10 minutes. The Kendriya Vidyalayas are closed on the second Saturday of every month.

In view of the time needed for coverage of curricular and co-curricular programmes it is not feasible to reduce the school timings and would not be in the interest of the students.

Fund for more Lok Adalats

1300. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allocate funds for more Lok Adalats to be set up in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The State Legal Aid & Advice Boards are allocating